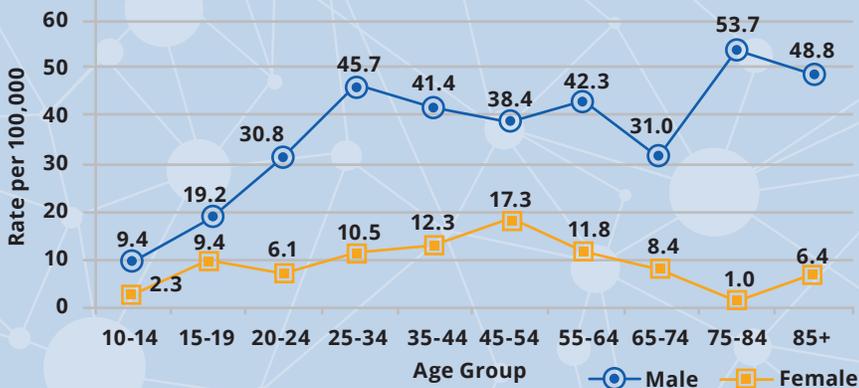


# Suicide In OKLAHOMA

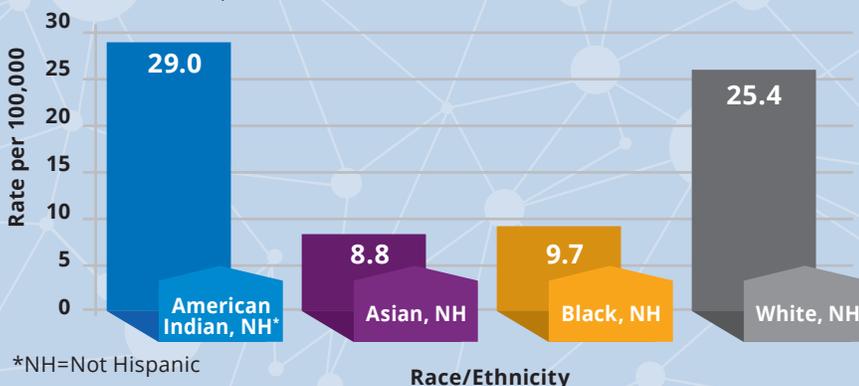


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**Figure 1: Suicide Rates by Age Group and Gender**  
*Oklahoma, 2018*



**Figure 2: Suicide Rates by Race/Ethnicity**  
*Oklahoma, 2018*



\*NH=Not Hispanic

\*\*Hispanic ethnicity is not a racial category.

In 2018, there were 780 suicides among Oklahoma residents, 609 males and 171 females. Suicides comprised 70% of all violent deaths.

The mean age of victims was 46 years; victims ranged in age from 11 to 94.

Males had a higher suicide rate than females, regardless of age group. The suicide rate peaked for males 75 to 84 years of age at 53.7 per 100,000 (**Figure 1**).

For females, the suicide rate peaked in the 45 to 54 age group with a rate of 17.3 per 100,000 (**Figure 1**).

The suicide rate among American Indian, non-Hispanics was 1.1 times higher than White, non-Hispanics and almost 3 times higher than Black, non-Hispanics (**Figure 2**).

41% of suicide victims had a positive blood alcohol content (BAC) at the time of death; 31% of all BACs were  $\geq 0.08\%$  (legal limit).

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Females had a higher percentage of poisoning as a method of suicide as compared to males, 26% and 5%, respectively (**Figure 3**).

Among males, the leading circumstances of suicide were mental health problems (50%), intimate partner problems (36%), and depressed mood (29%) (**Figure 4**).

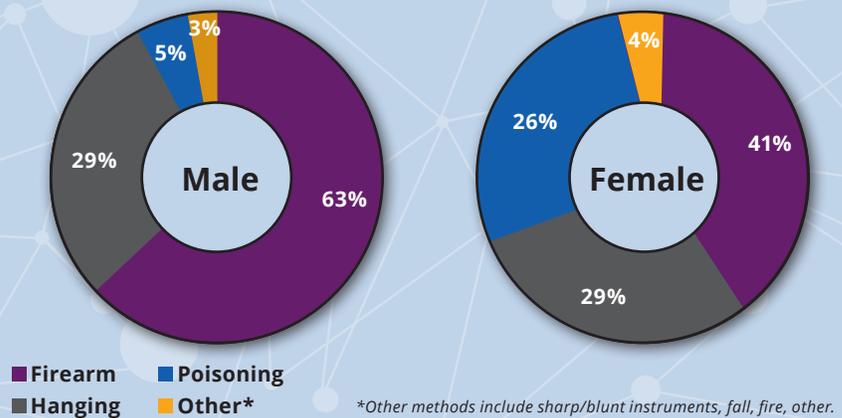
Among females, the leading circumstances of suicide were mental health problems (66%) and depressed mood (43%) (**Figure 4**).

Females more often had a history of suicide attempt than males, 30% and 16% respectively.

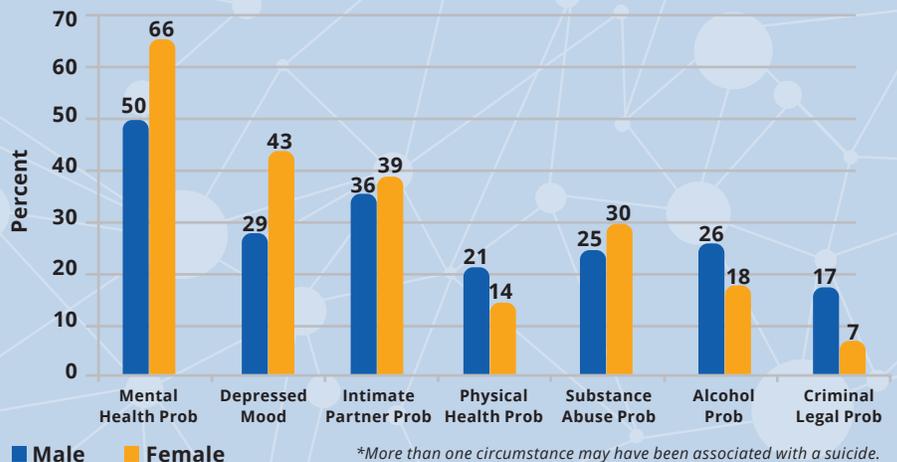
A suicide note was left by 37% of females and 31% of males.

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**Figure 3: Method of Suicide by Gender**  
Oklahoma, 2018



**Figure 4: Suicide Circumstances\* by Gender**  
Oklahoma, 2018



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